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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a 3 month shortened statutory period for reply, making this paper due August 22, 2006. This reply is timely filed and no petition for an extension of time is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

The Examiner is kindly requested to enter and consider this Response After Final. Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance.